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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Gold closed yesterday at 114 1/2.

—The New York cotton market closed with a downward tendency; uplands 18 1/2 cents; sales 2080 bales.

—In Liverpool cotton closed dull; uplands 9 1/2, Orleans 9 1/2; sales 12,000 bales.

—Gold is at present quoted at two per cent. premium in France.

—Chicago is to have a new law court to settle disputed land titles arising in consequence of the recent fire.

—The capital employed in the wine trade of France is \$500,000,000, while that embarked in the cotton trade is not \$40,000,000.

—The Massachusetts mills have sent an agent to Hong Kong to employ coolies for operatives. A cargo of them is expected at Salem.

—Russia has a new mitrailleuse, invented by General Goriot, which kills men twice as fast and twice as far as the French affair killed them.

—The mail manufacturers of the Atlantic States have decided to advance prices fifteen per cent., in consequence of the loss of 100,000 kegs by the Chicago fire.

—Eugenie declined all public honors while travelling in Spain. She replied to King Amadeus's proffer of civilities by saying that she returned to Spain as an unfortunate woman, anxious to see once more the land of her birth, where she had been so happy.

—A good instance of "sharp practice" is that of a man in Ohio, who was acquitted of murder on a plea of insanity. He had secured his lawyers by giving them a mortgage on his farm, but now repudiates the mortgage on the ground that he was insane when he made it, according to the showing of these same lawyers.

The fortune of the Princess de Metternich—between whom and her husband, Prince de Metternich, the Austrian Ambassador to France, a divorce is now pending—is appraised at sixteen million francs. The Prince's own fortune, which was very large, is nearly all gone, it having mostly been spent during his twelve years' residence in Paris as Austrian Ambassador under the Empire. A great part of it was expended in the lavish profligacy of the Princess de Metternich while seeking to rival the Empress Eugenie as leader of fashions in the French capital.

Phosphorescence in animals, and especially in fish, it is stated, is due to the slow oxidation of the fat which is always found to be present when this phenomenon is observed. In the case of fish, the oxygen of the atmosphere very readily penetrates the skin, and acts upon the subcutaneous fatty tissues. The phenomenon, it is stated, is promoted by placing the phosphorescent substance in oxygen, but is entirely arrested by placing it in carbonic acid, fresh water, alcohol, or any solution not containing oxygen. Immediately after death the phosphorescence usually commences, and continues until decomposition sets in with the disengagement of ammonia, when it immediately ceases.

The following, dated October 9th, is a translation of information received at the Navy Department from Dr. A. Peterman, of Götting: "The telegram dated October 3, 1871, which announces the return of Captain Weyprecht and Lieutenant Payer, of the Austrian army, states that in the month of September an open sea was found from 42 degrees to 60 degrees east of Greenwich, to the northward of 78 degrees north latitude. The northernmost point reached was 79 degrees north. On the meridian 48 degrees east was found the most favorable state of ice towards the north pole, with a probable connection with the open sea north of Siberia towards the east. This appears to be the most favorable route towards the north pole."

The "National Zeitung," in commenting upon the growth of Berlin, says, that excepting the cities of North America, no other metropolis of Europe has progressed in anything like the same proportion as the city of Prussia. In 1790 Paris held a population of 800,000 inhabitants, while Berlin at the same period had about 120,000, having increased from 20,000 souls in the century which elapsed since 1690. From 1817 till 1851 the population of Berlin rose only from 188,000 to 230,000, but in the next twenty years it amounted to 300,000. Had the population continued to augment in the same ratio from 1851 to 1871, Berlin would now contain 630,000 persons, but it was shown by the census of 1864 that at that date the population had risen to 632,000, and in 1867, although a war had intervened, it was found to be 702,000. The "National Zeitung" argues that the immense influx of people and the natural increase of the population will, in all reasonable probability, give 800,000 inhabitants for Berlin when the census returns of 1871 are added up. It is also contended that Berlin will exhibit a still more extraordinary increase during the next ten years, after it has become the capital of the new German Empire.

Kaiser William's speech at the opening of the Reichstag, as appears from the full text thereof, was unexceptionable in respect to one important point, namely, brevity. In the few words which he allowed himself, he touched upon only the more important topics, and his Highness was dutifully cheered both at his entrance and exit. In regard to the budget, he hoped that the Reichstag would be able to relieve the Federal States from their former pecuniary advances, by the employment of a portion of the means secured by the war. He thought that the time had arrived for laying the foundation of a new organization of the cologne, and for securing a line of railway connection between Germany and Italy. The policy which had been adopted respecting the evacuation of the occupied departments was defined, and the Imperial desire to make the new German Empire "a reliable shield of peace" was expressed. The Emperor then alluded to the reconciliation with Austria, and characterized the friendly relations existing between the two nations as being of such a kind that "their reality shall be undoubted in the public opinion of every country." That this was so, he affirmed, was specially pleasing to his heart, and with his hand upon his heart, he thanked Heaven, as usual, and withdrew.

—There is no territory of any size, and never has been but one, occupied by any considerable population, from which woman is absolutely excluded. Yet such a place exists to-day, and has existed for centuries. As far back as history reaches, to all females it has been forbidden ground. This bachelor's Arcadia is situated on a bold plateau between the old peninsula of Aetia, in the Grecian Archipelago, and the mainland. Here, in the midst of cultivated fields and extensive woodlands, dwell a monastic confederation of Greek monks, with twenty-three convents, numbering more than seven thousand souls, and not one of the monasteries dates from a later time than the twelfth century. A few soldiers guard the borders of this anti-female land, and no woman is allowed to cross the frontier. Nor is this all; the rule is extended to every female creature, and from time immemorial no cow, mare, hen, duck or goose has been permitted to make acquaintance with hill or valley of Mount Athos territory. A traveler was startled by the abrupt question, "What sort of human creatures are women?" The very idea of woman, whether as mother, wife or sister, is almost lost. To all women-haters; to bachelors of over forty years' standing; to all men who seek refuge from the wiles and ways of the opposite sex, this region can be safely recommended as a haven of refuge.

## Pay Up Your Taxes.

The announcement that the retiring City Government leaves an imposing array of unpaid bills to be settled by the present administration will cause little surprise. Where the expenditures are unnecessarily heavy, and the taxpayers have no confidence in their nominal representatives, it is to be expected that the balance will be on the wrong side of the account. The new Council have already taken steps to ascertain the amount of their liabilities and the rate of current expenses, and at the meeting on Thursday evening they received, from the City Treasurer, the following statement of sums now due for the public institutions and the like:

Alms-house	\$3,872 11
Board of Health	5,521 10
Fire-marshals	4,589 25
City Guard	12,878 56
House of Correction	75 00
Improvement account	56 00
Old Folks' Home	556 02
Orphan-house	3,871 27
Public Printing	10 00
Streets	6,995 05
Tidal Drains	20 77
Gas Company	2,500 00
City officers	3,120 00
Total	\$44,065 89

These claims were referred to the committee on accounts, but Council ordered that the police receive to-day their pay for the month of September. Other claims will probably come to light, but all of them will be carefully examined, and, if correct, paid as rapidly as circumstances will allow.

We would remind the taxpayers that it is in their power to relieve the new administration of some embarrassment by paying promptly whatever taxes are due. There were good reasons for delaying every payment until the last moment; but these no longer exist, and we hope that every citizen who can do so, will make his payments without taking advantage of all the extension of time which the Council have considerably granted. We are agreed that it is best to discharge promptly whatever just debts the city may owe. This is a saving of interest and a strengthening of credit. It is an advantage to the laborer, to the official and to the holder of the obligations of the city. But the promptitude of payment depends on the promptitude of the taxpayers. Taxes to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars are now due the city, and it is earnestly desired that they be liquidated at once.

## Treatment of the Ku-Klux Prisoners.

Sheriff Frazee, of Richland County, publishes in the Columbia papers a card, fortified by the appended statements of sundry prisoners in his charge, taking direct issue with the account given in a recent letter to THE NEWS, as to the ill treatment to which the Ku-Klux prisoners in Columbia were said to have been subjected. We can only say that the account was received and published in perfect good faith, and that we shall be heartily glad to believe that the barbaric described never existed at all in the institution over which Sheriff Frazee presides.

## Significant Facts.

There is a tannery and shoe manufactory in Oconee County, which employs eleven hands, and turns out, in a year, six thousand and hides and twelve hundred pairs of coarse boots. The proprietor, Mr. Lay, informs the *Walhalla Courier* that a raw hide worth \$3, is worth from \$8 to \$12 when tanned, and, when the leather is made into boots and shoes, is worth from \$20 to \$30. The bark of the oaks which cover the hills of Oconee is worth three times the selling price of the forest lands. Three good trees give a cord of bark worth \$5; and yet twenty of these trees, with the land on which they stand, are often sold for one dollar. It is estimated that Oconee County pays \$25,000 a year for boots and shoes, the raw material of which costs \$3,000 and may, all of it, be obtained within the county limits. These significant facts are a conclusive argument in favor of home manufactures.

WE ARE glad to learn from the *Yorkville Enquirer* that there is no truth in the report that three ladies in York have been arrested and put in prison, on the charge of aiding and abetting the Ku-Klux. Things are bad enough, without a war upon innocent and defenceless women.

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## England through her gold.

He is having it now to a large extent, and will have it faster. England subscribed for a part of the French loan, to pay the French war indemnity to Germany, with an avidity amounting to recklessness. "The Bank of England is liable to be drained by the subscribers to the loan, and the drain advanced by the bills being prematurely presented by Bismarck."

The only safety for the moment is to decline to discount the bills. Meet financial war by financial war. If Bismarck demands gold, numbering more than seven thousand tons, and not one of the monasteries dates from a later time than the twelfth century. A few soldiers guard the borders of this anti-female land, and no woman is allowed to cross the frontier. Nor is this all; the rule is extended to every female creature, and from time immemorial no cow, mare, hen, duck or goose has been permitted to make acquaintance with hill or valley of Mount Athos territory. A traveler was startled by the abrupt question, "What sort of human creatures are women?" The very idea of woman, whether as mother, wife or sister, is almost lost. To all women-haters; to bachelors of over forty years' standing; to all men who seek refuge from the wiles and ways of the opposite sex, this region can be safely recommended as a haven of refuge.

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